

VSS News at a Glance

*Victims Services Section
Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services*



Leonard Cooke Reappointed as Director of DCJS

We are extremely pleased to announce that Governor Kaine has reappointed our Director, Leonard G. Cooke and Deputy Director, Robert W. Mathieson. According to the press release, issued April 3:

Leonard G. Cooke of Richmond will continue to serve as Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services, a position he has held since 2002. Cooke previously served as Chief of Police in Portsmouth, and has had over 30 years experience in law enforcement and public safety.

Robert W. Mathieson of Virginia Beach will continue to serve as Deputy Director of Criminal Justice Services, a position he has held since 2002. Mathieson previously served as Master Police Officer in the Virginia Beach Police Department, and has more than 30 years experience in law enforcement and public safety.

FY 2007 and 2008 Victim/Witness Guidelines are Now on Our Website

We have posted our FY 2007 and FY 2008 V/W Guidelines for grant funded Victim/Witness Programs and Statewide Victim Assistance Programs on our website. Please see:
<http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims/>

We have extended the application deadline to April 28, 2006.



Crime Victims' Rights Week

The week of April 23-29, 2006, is National Crime Victims' Rights Week, a time-honored commemoration designed to increase public awareness of and knowledge among crime victims and survivors about the wide range of rights and services available to people who have been victimized by crime.

This issue of *VSS News at a Glance* includes information about national, state and local observances of Victims' Rights Week.

Governor Kaine Signs Proclamation

Governor Kaine has signed the proclamation declaring the week of **April 23 through April 29, 2006**, as Crime Victims' Rights Week in Virginia. The proclamation acknowledged the importance of the work on behalf of crime victims and the need to "promote strength in unity." This proclamation was distributed to the 250 attendees at Program Management Training sponsored by DCJS from March 15-17, 2006. To see a copy of the proclamation, go to:

www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims/victimsRightsWeek.cfm

National Victims' Rights Events

NOVA Forum

The National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) will be hosting the National Forum on Victims' Rights. It will be held at the Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2360 in Washington, DC on Friday, **April 21, 2006**, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, and the Virginia Network for Victims and Witnesses of Crime, Inc., will be co-sponsoring the Forum. For further information, see www.trynova.org/events/2006VictimRightsForum/

National Observation and Candelight Ceremony

There will be a National Observation and Candelight Ceremony held on **April 20** at 6:30 p.m. at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. It is open to the public. Featured speaker will be Sharon Rocha, mother of Laci Peterson and grandmother of Conner. Also, author of *For Laci: A Mother's Story of Love, Loss and Justice*. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice. For further information visit www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ncvrw/welcome.html

National Crime Victims' Rights Awards Ceremony

The National Crime Victims' Rights Awards Ceremony will be held on **April 21** at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. It is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice. To register go to www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ncvrw/welcome.html

Victims' Rights Week Observances Throughout Virginia

Writing Workshops-"Reclaiming Our Voices", Starts **March 24** at the Sexual Assault Resource Agency (SARA).

This series of writing workshops is designed to assist survivors of sexual violence in expressing themselves. Thursday evenings 3/24-4/27/06, sponsored by SARA.

Contact: Pam Morgan 434-295-7273

Candlelight Vigil, will be held **March 30** at 7:00 p.m. at the Sojourner's Church, Charlottesville

This is a vigil to honor survivors of sexual violence sponsored by the Sexual Assault Resource Agency (SARA).

Contact: Jess McGrane (434) 295-7273

Citizens Against Sexual Assault (CASA) of Harrisonburg/Rockingham County will host its **10th Annual Sexual Violence Awareness Art Show, April 3**, at **various** locations in Harrisonburg & Rockingham County: **April 3-9**, Elkton Library, **April 10-16**, Books-A-Million, Harrisonburg, **April 17-21**, Massanutten Regional Library, Harrisonburg, **Friday, April 21**, 5:00-8:00pm, **CASA Art Opening and Gallery Walk**, 165 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, **April 21-30**, CASA Offices, 165 South Main Street, Harrisonburg. **Sponsor(s)**: Citizens Against Sexual Assault (CASA) of Harrisonburg/Rockingham County, Books-A-Million, Massanutten Regional Library, Elkton Library, Downtown Harrisonburg Museum & Gallery Walk sponsored by the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce.

Contact: Angie Strite, Prevention Specialist, CASA, (540) 432-6430, stritea@ntelos.net

Walk Against Violence Around the Gardens will be held at 11:00 a.m. on **April 8**, and will be followed by a Victims' Rights Program at Norfolk Botanical Gardens at 12:00 p.m. Speakers are a representative from Senator Allen's Office; Patricia Harris- Hampton Roads Regional Representative; Willie Harrell- Norfolk Victim/Witness Coordinator. There will be reading of poems by various guests. Sponsors are Victims Against Crime and Norfolk Victim/Witness Assistance Program.

Contact: Jacqueline Sharpe, (757) 925-2212, ext. 5007

Family Fun Day - Presented by the Coalition for a Community Without Violence, will be held at 12:00 p.m. on **April 9**, at McDuff-Green Park, Stafford

Free fun for the whole family! Music, Food, Prize Drawings, Games, K-9 Demonstration, Moon Bounce, Kids on the Block Puppet Show, Antique Fire Truck Display, Smoke Trailer Demonstration, AND MUCH MORE. Sponsored by Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault; Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence; Rappahannock Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Rappahannock Area Council for Child Abuse Prevention; Victim/Witness Programs from Caroline County, Stafford County, and the City of Fredericksburg.

Contact: Julie Rivnak-McAdam, (540) 895-6217 or (877) 785-6217, raccap@raccap.org or Cindy Gatewood, (804) 633-8037, cgatewood@co.caroline.va.us

Campbell County Crime Victims' Rights Ceremony, will be held at 8:30 a.m. on **April 18**, at Campbell County Circuit Court

A proclamation will be read declaring April 23–29, Campbell County Victims' Rights Week and will be presented to the Campbell County Victim/Witness Program. Speakers for this event include The Honorable J. Samuel Johnston, Circuit Court Judge and Honorable Neil S. Vener, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Pam Henderson, Director of the Campbell County Victim/Witness Program. An invitation has been extended to Senator Steve Newman to be the Guest Speaker. Awards will be presented to individuals/agencies that have provided outstanding services to crime victims with one individual being honored for "Making a Difference in a Crime Victim's Life." A breakfast reception will follow the event. Sponsored by Campbell County Victim/Witness Program. RSVP is necessary in preparation for the reception.

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Take Back the Night Rally, April 18, at Christopher Newport University, Newport News

A candlelight rally will be held at 7:00 p.m. to empower victims of sexual violence. The rally will include music, a moment of silence, balloon release, keynote speakers and a march around campus. Sponsors are the Center for Sexual Assault Survivors, Transitions Family Violence Services, and Christopher Newport University.

Contact: Shawna Gray, Outreach Coordinator, Center for Sexual Assault Survivors, sgray@visitthecenter.org or Julia Campbell, (757) 728-0025, jcampbell@transitionsfvs.org

Advocates Working with Victims and their Families in Poverty, April 21, at Sheldon's Restaurant, Keysville at 12:00 p.m.

Christa Marra, Family Law and Domestic Violence attorney from VPLC will conduct a seminar concentrating in areas of the law that affects low-income families. The discussion will focus on the many legal issues that impact victims and their families and their accessibility to limited resources. The sponsor is Heart of Virginia Coalition of Victims Services. Registration is required. You must pay for your lunch.

Contact: Tammy Long, (434) 542-4142 or Hattie Farrar, (434) 738-6191, ext. 4355, vwap@meckcom.net

The Northern Virginia Annual Candlelight Vigil of Courage, Hope and Remembrance will be held on **April 23**, at 3:00 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center PW, Fairfax

This vigil is in recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The ceremony involves participation by victims and those who serve them. Virginia Attorney General Bob McDonnell will give the keynote address. The Champion of Justice Award will be presented to individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary perseverance in the pursuit of justice on behalf of crime victims. The Vanguard Award will be presented to honor individuals who contributed to the safety and well being of victims of crime through an act of bravery or sustained performance. Sponsors are the Northern Virginia Crime Victim Assistance Coalition. The coalition consists of representatives of numerous regional government agencies and non-government organizations involved in the criminal justice system and providing service to crime victims.

Contact: Carroll Ann Ellis, Director, (703) 246-2141 carroll.ellis@fairfaxcounty.gov, Judy Holl, (703) 838-4000, judy.holl@alexandriava.gov or Connie Kirkland, ckirklan@gmu.edu

Gang Awareness Training, Chesapeake, Monday **April 24**, 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m., Chesapeake Central Library. There will be a Victims' Rights Ceremony & Reception on Wednesday, **April 26**, 4:00 p.m. at the Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court Building. Sponsored by the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office Victim/Witness Program. Registration is required but the event is free.

Contact: Patty Strathmann (757) 382-6794

National Crime Victim's Right Week Poster Board Contest will be held on **April 24**, at Greene County

A poster board contest with 11th and 12th graders from William Monroe High School and United Christian Academy art classes is now under way. The winner of the contest will be announced at the Omni Hotel, April 24, at noon, during the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Luncheon. An award and prize will be presented by Sheriff Scott Haas. Sponsored by the Greene County Sheriff's Office.

Contact: Michele (Micki) Watson, (434) 985-2222, mwatson@gcvasheriff.us

The Hampton & Newport News Victim-Witness Programs in collaboration with the Office of Human Affairs will be sponsoring several activities. On **April 24**, at 11:30 a.m. - **Crime Victims' Rights Panel Discussion/Recognition** will be held on the campus of Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton on **April 27**, at 7:00 p.m. - **A Candlelight Vigil** will be held at the Midtown Community Center in Newport News on **April 29** at 9:00 a.m. - **Teen Summit- Presentation on Bullying** will be presented by the Hampton and Newport News V/W programs. This event will be held at Hines Middle School in Newport News. Sponsors are the Office of Human Affairs, Hampton and Newport News Victim-Witness Programs. Cost: \$25.00 per person. Make checks payable to the Center for Sexual Assault Survivors.

Contact: Karla Crump -(757) 726-6978 - kcrump@hampton.gov, Christina Montoya - (757) 926-7389 - cmontoya@nngov.com

Recognition of Victim Service Providers will be held on **April 24**, at 11:30 a.m. at Thomas Nelson Community College, Hampton

Victim service providers from our localities will be recognized and will be presented with certificates for their continuous efforts in serving victims, and their dedication to promoting awareness of community resources. This is also a time for all jurisdictions to unite and build a strong foundation of support throughout our communities. Sponsors are the Office of Human Affairs, Hampton Victim/Witness Program, Newport News Victim/Witness Program.

Contact: Karla Crump, Director, Hampton Victim/Witness Assistance Program (757) 728-3006, kcrump@hampton.gov

Victims' Rights Week Candlelight Program will be held at 6:00 p.m. on **April 24**, at Suffolk Hilton Garden Inn

Candlelight Vigil commemorating Crime Victims' Rights Week. Keynote speaker is Martin Andrews, former victim of sexual abuse who was raped and beaten in Suffolk and later found by some hunters buried in a deer-hunting box in the woods by his assailant. Sponsors are Suffolk Hilton Garden Inn and Mike Duman Auto Superstore .

Contact: Diane Bryant, Victim/Witness Director, (757) 923-2232 or Diana Klink, Community Outreach Coordinator, (757) 923-2238; or dbryant@oca.city.suffolk.va.us, dklink@oca.city.suffolk.va.us

Awards Luncheon Commemorating National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be held on **April 24**, at 12:00 p.m. at the **Omni** Hotel, Charlottesville

Sponsoring agencies will recognize persons and organizations that have contributed to victims' rights and advocacy in our region. U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Virginia John Brownlee will speak, as well as a crime victim served by Mr. Brownlee's office. The U.S. Attorney's Office has most graciously offered to underwrite this event. Sponsors are the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Virginia - Charlottesville Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation - Richmond Office, Albemarle County Victim/Witness Program, Charlottesville Victim/Witness Program, Fluvanna/Goochland Victim/Witness Program, Greene County Victim/Witness Program, and Orange County Victim/Witness Program. The event is by **invitation only**.

Contact: Susan Painter, painters@albemarle.org or Deb Graham grahamd@albemarle.org, Albemarle County Victim/Witness Program, 1600 5th Street, Suite D, Charlottesville, VA 22902, (434) 296-5830

Crime Victims' Rights Week Flag and Wreath Ceremony will be held at 3:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 25**, at the Virginia Dept. of Corrections, 6900 Atmore Dr., Richmond

The Virginia Department of Corrections Victim Services Unit, the Virginia Parole Board Victim Input Program and the Office of the Attorney General's Victim Assistance Office and the Family & Children's Trust Fund of Virginia is sponsoring the 2006 Crime Victims' Rights Week Flag and Wreath Ceremony in honor of all victims of crime and those who serve them throughout the Commonwealth.

Contact: Carol Sievers, Virginia Parole Board, (804) 674-3081 (office), (757) 619-9961 (cell)

Virginia Beach Victims' Right's Week Ceremony will be held at 3:00 p.m. on **April 26**, at Virginia Beach Court House

We will be hosting a candlelight vigil. Mayor Oberndorf will read the proclamation. Attorney General Bob McDonnell may be a guest speaker and we will be recognizing Sarah Hess, who is mother of a murdered son in Virginia Beach. Ms. Hess has started a chapter of Parents of Murdered Children.

Contact: Beth Byrum, (757) 427-4875

Keeping our Children Safe from Sexual Predators in our Community on **April 27**, at the Culpeper Library

At 10:30 a.m. there will be a Community Panel of Service Providers addressing services, tools, and perspectives in keeping children safe from sexual predators; 11:30 a.m. Joyce Allan – Presentation; All Day — display booths by Service Providers. Sponsors are the Culpeper Task Force on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (comprised of local law enforcement, Victim/Witness, SAFE, SAVVI, probation/parole, legal aid, and others).

Contact: Melissa DeDomenico-Payne c/o SAFE, 540-825-8891, safe.inc@earthlink.net. Web: www.safe-shelter.org.

George Mason University's 10th Annual 5K Run and Walk in Honor of Victims' Rights Crime Week will be held on **April 27**, at 12:00 p.m. at Mason Pond. Sponsored by George Mason University Police Department & Sexual Assault Services.

Contact: Connie Kirkland at (703) 993-4364

Candlelight Vigil on **April 27**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Midtown Community Center, Newport News

Combined event with the Office of Human Affairs, Hampton and Newport News Victim Witness Programs to commemorate Victims Rights' Week and to honor victims of crime. Sponsors are the Newport News Office of Human Affairs, Hampton Victim Witness Program and Newport News Victim Services Unit.

Contact: Christina Montoya - Information Coordinator, Newport News Victim Services Unit, (757) 926-7389, cmontoya@nngov.com

Victims' Rights Ceremony will be held on **April 27**, on the steps of the Old Courthouse located on the Loudoun Street walking mall in Winchester at 1:30 p.m. Our honored guest speaker will be Attorney General Robert McDonnell. Sponsored by Winchester Victim/Witness Program, Frederick County Victim/Witness Program and Clarke County Victim/Witness Program.

Contact: (540) 667-5770 ext. 431 or 473.

Hampton Roads Idol Benefit will be held at 7:00 p.m. on **April 28**, at the Clarion Hotel, Hampton

This is a benefit event that raises funds for the Center for Sexual Assault Survivors. It is a lipsync competition in which contestants "sing" to their favorite artist. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded. Bragging rights come automatically with the grand prize. There will be guest judges impersonating "Paula", "Simon" and "Randy", as well as refreshments and raffle prizes. This competition puts the FUN back in FUNdraisers. Sponsors are the Center for Sexual Assault Survivors Board of Directors, Clarion Hotel, Hampton Sheriff's Department, Newport News Sheriff's Department; Supporting Agencies Include: Riverside SANE Program, Sentara SANE Program, Ft. Eustis SARC Program, and the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, Hampton.

Registration is required and there is a \$10 fee to register as an act regardless of the number of performers. If you want to just attend and be entertained, tickets are \$25 per person.

Contact: Crystal Skeeter-Davis, Executive Director, Center for Sexual Assault Survivors, Newport News, (757) 599-9844, cskeeterdavis@visitthecenter.org or Shawna Gray, Outreach Coordinator, Center for Sexual Assault Survivors, sgray@visitthecenter.org

Stalking and Cybercrimes Information Booth will be set up on **April 28**, at the Virginia Tech Campus, Blacksburg. Sponsors are the Montgomery/Craig Victim Assistance Program and the Virginia Tech Police Department.

Contact: Jessica R. Stallard (540) 382-5705, stallardjr@ntelos.net or Geoff Allen (540) 231-6411, alleng@vt.edu

Open House in Honor of Victims' Rights Week- The Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund is having an open house on Friday **April 28, 2006** from 10a.m.-2 p.m. in honor of Victims' Rights Week. We'd like to invite agencies to take a tour of our new location and meet the staff. We will have materials to hand out and staff available to answer any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

Winchester Victim/Witness Program Receives Community Awareness Funding

The Winchester Commonwealth's Attorney's Victim/Witness Program has received funding from the federal Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), to promote community awareness and crime victim outreach activities in conjunction with National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Winchester was one of 62 programs, from the more than 162 applications submitted in the nation, which received a \$5,000 award. Drafting the successful grant application was a collaborative effort, headed by Program Director Jim Pearce and Assistant Program Director Mandy Vecero, and included Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Heather Enloe, and Winchester Community Outreach Coordinator Charlotte Fritts.

"The support from the Office for Victims of Crime and the U.S. Department of Justice for our 2006 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities will help us help crime victims. It will further ensure that the community understands its critical role in providing support to victims of crime," said Pearce. The Winchester Victim Witness Program currently provides services to over 1,000 crime victims each year.

For further information contact Jim Pearce, Director, Winchester Commonwealth's Attorneys Victim Witness Program, (540) 667-5770

DCJS Sexual Violence Training for Trainers Training to be held June 21-23, 2006

The Department of Criminal Justice Services is providing an opportunity for local law enforcement officers to obtain **advanced skills** in the area of non-stranger, adult sexual assault intervention.

The training will be held **June 21-23, 2006**, at the Roanoke County Police Training Academy. This training will involve a **competitive application process**. Interested candidates must apply as a team, which should include a law enforcement officer, a sexual assault crisis center victim advocate, and/or a victim/witness advocate. Prosecutors, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, and others who work with sexual assault victims, are also encouraged to apply.

In-service law enforcement credit will be available.

Registration and training materials are free. Successful candidates will receive **scholarships for lodging. Breakfast and lunch are provided.** Participants will be responsible for paying their mileage and dinners.

For further information, visit the Department of Criminal Justice Services website at www.dcjs.org or contact Eleanore Ashman, Violence Against Women Policy Analyst, at (804) 225-4060 or eleanore.ashman@dcjs.virginia.gov.

We encourage you to take advantage of this important low cost, training opportunity.

MADD Victim Assistance Training Institutes, May 18-20, 2006, Richmond, VA

MADD's Beginning VATI offers advocates the foundation for competent service delivery to those impacted by impaired driving crashes. The role of victim advocate is a very important one in the healing journey that follows physical, emotional, and spiritual injuries and bereavement victimizations.

For VATI 2006 registration and information, contact John Evans at (800) 438-6233, ext 4564 or by e-mail at john.evans@madd.org

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)

The Virginia Department of Health—Office of Emergency Medical Services will present the 2006 Virginia CISM Training on **May 30 - June 3, 2006**, in Virginia Beach. This is an excellent training opportunity for those of you who are interested in the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Model of Crisis Intervention.

You can access the training announcement, registration form and hotel information at the following website: www.vdh.virginia.gov/oems/CISM/CISM_conference.asp

Please note that the early conference registration deadline is April 15. For additional information about the training, contact Carol Morrow (carol.morrow@vdh.virginia.gov) or Linwood Pulling (linwood.pulling@vdh.virginia.gov).

Master the Profession!

The National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) and Volunteer State Community College are holding Multi-Purpose NOVA Trainings **May 15-19, 2006**, in Gallatin, TN. The trainings are for people who work with victims and survivors of violent crime and disaster, and for victim assistance program managers. For more information and to register go to www.trynova.org or call NOVA at (703) 535-6682.



RIDE FOR HOPE Motorcycle POKER RUN



**DATE: 5/6/06 RAIN DATE: 5/7/06
FIRST BIKE OUT: 10:00AM**

Start at Dockside Restaurant off Rt. 106 just across the James River (bordering Prince George & Charles City) & finish at Sportsman Bar (Eastern Henrico). Registration is \$10.00 per hand. Best hand wins \$200, second best hand wins \$150, worst hand wins \$75. 50/50 raffle with great prizes. Please come out and support Project Hope at Quin Rivers Agency, a non-profit organization seeking to create a healthy community where children, women, and men are safe from sexual and domestic violence. Let's ride for HOPE! For more information call: (804) 966-5020, ext. 340

Virginia Indian Nations Pow-Wow Gathering

In a joint announcement, Virginia Indian Nations announced that they will gather on the Chickahominy Tribal Grounds, 8200 Lott Cary Road, in Charles City, Virginia; **May 6-7, 2006** for their **4th annual joint spring Pow-Wow/Gathering**. On this historic occasion, members of the Virginia tribes will give honor to their past and look to their future, as they recognize their historic impact on Jamestown 1607 and the planned Jamestown 2007 celebrations.

Grounds open at 10:00 a.m. on both days, with the Saturday, May 6, Grand Entry at 12:00 noon and Sunday's Grand Entry at 1:00 p.m. The Pow-Wow/Gathering will feature Native American dancers, drummers, singers and cultural demonstrations.

The Virginia Indian Nations Pow-Wow is expected to attract visitors from all over Virginia, the surrounding states and Native Americans from across the country. The historic gathering of the Virginia tribes in May 2002 attracted more than 6,000 visitors, who enjoyed the dancing, cultural demonstrations and historical exhibits, as well as Indian arts and crafts.

Other Important Dates & Trainings

April 7, 2006	V-STOP State Team Meeting
April 18, 2006	Broadening Our Scope: Domestic Violence Services for Survivors with Mental Health Disabilities , Charlottesville. For more information go to www.vsdvalliance.org/trainingedu.html
April 18, 2006	Progress Reports Due
April 20, 2006	VSDVAA Membership Meeting
April 20, 2006	U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime National Observance of Crime Victims' Rights Week. For more information visit www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ncvrw/welcome.html
April 21, 2006	National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) Victims' Rights Week Forum. For more information visit www.trynova.org/events/2006VictimRightsForum/
April 21, 2006	Office for Victims of Crime National Awards Ceremony. For more information visit www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ncvrw/welcome.html
April 23-29, 2006	2006 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, Theme: "Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity"
April 26, 2006	Key Elements of an Effective Community Response to Sexual Violence , Richmond. For more information go to www.vsdvalliance.org/trainingedu.html
April 28, 2006	Victim/Witness Grant Applications Due to Department of Criminal Justice Services (Note change in deadline)
May 4-5, 2006	Improving Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse , Roanoke. For further information, or to be added to the mailing list, please contact Denise Hampton at denise.hampton@dcjs.virginia.gov or at (804) 225-3948.
May 5, 2006	Unintended Consequences: Safety, Confidentiality and Technology . Richmond. For more information go to www.vsdvalliance.org/trainingedu.html
May 11, 2006	Criminal Justice Services Board Meeting and V/W Issues Subcommittee Meeting
May 15-17, 2006	CyberSafety and Beyond: Campuses and Communities , Virginia Beach. Sponsored by the Virginia Coalition Against Campus Sexual Assault. For further information contact Connie Kirkland, (703) 993-4364 or Gay Cutchin, (804) 827-2417.
May 19, 2006	Unintended Consequences: Safety, Confidentiality and Technology . Dublin, Virginia. For more information go to www.vsdvalliance.org/trainingedu.html
May 24, 2006	Broadening Our Scope: Domestic Violence Services for Survivors with Mental Health Disabilities , Hampton. For more information go to www.vsdvalliance.org/trainingedu.html

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| June 1-2, 2006 | Virginia Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse Conference , Virginia Beach. For further information contact Edward Ansello at (804) 828-1525 or e-mail, eansello@hsc.vcu.edu |
| June 19-23, 2006 | Finding Words Virginia — Richmond. Information regarding this training is available at www.dcjs.virginia.gov/juvenile/cja/findingWords/index.cfm?menuLevel=5&mID=7 |
| June 21-23, 2006 | Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault Training for Trainers . For further information, contact Eleanore Ashman, (804) 225-4060. |
| June 25-30, 2006 | 2006 National Victim Assistance Academy: Foundations in Victim Services , Topeka, Kansas. For further information call (866) 682-8822. |
| July 9-12, 2006 | 2006 National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference , Atlanta, Georgia. For further information visit www.ncadv.org/conferences/NCADVConferences_117.html |
| July 19, 2006 | Progress Reports Due |
| July 20, 2006 | VSDVAA Membership Meeting |
| July 26, 2006 | VDVVF Grant Renewal Training |
| August 20-25, 2006 | 32nd Annual North American Victim Assistance Conference , Orlando, Florida. For further information go to www.trynova.org/conference/2006/ |
| September 14, 2006 | Criminal Justice Services Board Meeting and V/W Issues Subcommittee Meeting |
| September 15, 2006 | VDVVF Grants Due (prosecution and victims services grantees) |
| September 21, 2006 | VSDVAA Membership Meeting |
| Sept. 25-29, 2006 | Finding Words Virginia — Richmond. Information regarding this training is available at www.dcjs.virginia.gov/juvenile/cja/findingWords/index.cfm?menuLevel=5&mID=7 |
| October 19-20, 2006 | Improving Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse , Virginia Beach. For further information, or to be added to the mailing list, please contact Denise Hampton at denise.hampton@dcjs.virginia.gov or at (804) 225-3948. |
| December 14, 2006 | Criminal Justice Services Board Meeting and V/W Issues Subcommittee Meeting |

The Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance offers trainings on domestic & sexual violence issues around the state. Visit www.vsdvalliance.org/secProjects/traininginstitute.html for further information.

If you have any trainings/activities/employment opportunities you would like to have listed, please send them to Candace Miles at Candace.miles@dcjs.virginia.gov by the 1st of each month. We will make every effort to include them depending on space and/or time limitations.

To access this document go to www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims

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